

<i>State</i>	<i>1988-89</i>	<i>1989-90</i>	<i>1990-91</i>
22. Tamilnadu	50	60	16
23. Tripura	Nil	40	11
24. Uttar Pradesh	50	100	329
25. West Bengal	25	70	53
Total:	450	1445	968

[Translation]

Supply of Raw Material to Traders of Diamond and Gold Ornaments

6028. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware about the heavy demand of Indian diamond and gold ornaments in foreign markets particularly in European countries;

(b) if so, the steps taken to provide raw materials at cheaper rates to the artisan and traders engaged in this business; and

(c) the names of the agencies from which they could get raw material?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Exporters of the gem and jewellery items are provided access to raw materials through Imprest and Replenishment licenses. The exporters of gold jewellery are supplied gold at international prices by State Bank of India. MM TC and HHEC under various schemes notified in the Im-

port-Export Policy. A Scheme for direct import of gold by exporters of gold jewellery in the Domestic Tariff Area has also been specified in the Import-Export policy.

Export of Diamond and Gold Jewellery

6029. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of foreign exchange earned from the export of diamond and gold jewellery during the last three years;

(b) the share of Rajasthan in this export;

(c) the value of raw materials made available by the Government to the exporters for the said jewellery; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The amount of foreign exchange earned from the export of cut and polished diamonds and gold jewellery during the last three years, according to the Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) are as follows: